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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Poulin et al.
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Examiner : Le, Dang D.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action of August 27, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time and fee are currently due and submitted herewith. If, however, the fee is insufficient or a petition for an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for an extension of time therefore, and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any additional required fees, including extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2147.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.